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**VALLEJO GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT ON
RACKETEERING CHARGES, INCLUDING MURDER AND DRUG TRAFFICKING**

Sacramento -- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that United States District Court Judge Frank C. Damrell sentenced Charles Lee WHITE, 36, of Vallejo, to a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of release. In May, a federal jury found WHITE guilty of conducting the affairs of an enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity, and conspiring to conduct the affairs of an enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity. The jury specifically found that WHITE was personally responsible for a murder committed in 1998. The jury further found White legally responsible for various drug trafficking activities.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Sacramento and San Francisco Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Vallejo Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys R. Steven Lapham and Kenneth Melikian, who prosecuted the case, the evidence introduced at trial established that WHITE was a member

of a street gang in Vallejo called Pitch Dark Family. Witnesses established that Pitch Dark Family was a criminal enterprise whose members and associates engaged in acts of violence, and in drug trafficking. Evidence at trial further established that between 1994 and 2000, members of Pitch Dark Family committed four murders, one attempted murder, and trafficked in rock cocaine.

Last year, co-defendants Shango Jaja GREER and Jason Keith WALKER were also sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of release after a different federal jury found them guilty of most of the same offenses as WHITE.

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